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SUBJ: SOVIETS PREDICT 1.7 BILLION TRADE TURNOVER WITH US FOR 1975

1. IN OCT 12 INTERNATIONAL WEEK COLUMN PRAVDA EDITORIAL WRITER  
VITALITY

KORIONOV PREDICTS BILATERAL TRADE TURNOVER THIS YEAR WILL EXCEED DOLS

1.7 BILLION AND NOTES THAT MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS ELEMENTS OF  
LONG-TERM

COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN TRADE STATISTICS.

2. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF PERTINENT PARAGRAPH FOLLOWS:

QTE. THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS IS CREATING NEW OPPOR-  
TUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC-COMMERICAL TIES BETWEEN THE

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COUNTRIES WHICH TOOK PART IN THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. IN VERY LARGE

MEASURE THIS APPLIES TO ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE USA. 'NORMALIZATION OF TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WOULD RESPOND TO THE GOALS AND PRICIPLES SET FORTH IN THE FINAL ACT OF THIS CONFERENCE AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE USSR AND THE USA,' IS STATED IN THE ADDRESS OF COMRADE L. I. BREZHNEV TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL WHICH TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON THIS PAST WEEK. DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY CERTAIN CIRCLES ACROSS THE OCEANS, SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE TURNOVER IS GROWING AND WILL EXCEED 1.7 BILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT ELEMENTS OF LONG-TERM CHARACTER ARE APPEARING IN THIS TRADE, WHICH IS ESPECIALLY ADVANTAGEOUS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. THE POSITION OF THE USSR ON THIS QUESTION COMPRISES AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS UNBENDING (POLICY) LINE DIRECTED TOWARD GIVING SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS A STABLE, LONG-TERM CHARACTER CONSONANT WITH THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD .  
UNQTE.

3. COMMENT: TURNOVER LEVEL CITED MUST CLEARLY INCLUDE A PORTION OF SOVIET 1975 GRAIN PURCHASES. SOMEWHAT OBSCURE REFERENCE TO -ADVANTAGEOUS ELEMENTS OF LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENTS" COULD REFER BOTH TO INITIAL SHIPMENTS OF EQUIPMENT FOR CHEMICAL PLANTS COVERED UNDER OCCIDENTAL'S TWENTY-YEAR FERTILIZER AGREEMENT AND TO DISCUSSIONS ON LONG-TERM GRAIN PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS. NO EXPLICIT MENTION OF LATTER HAS YET OCCURED IN SOVIET MEDIA.  
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